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Re: Docket No. 2008-0083 - Application of Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.  
for Approval of Rate Increases and Revised Rate Schedules and Rules

Dear Parties:

For your information and review, enclosed please find a copy of a public comment received by the commission in the above-referenced docket.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 586-2019.

Sincerely,

Kaiulani Kidani Shinsato  
Commission Counsel

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Enclosure

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To Hawaii.PUC@hawaii.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Hawaiian Electric Company

History

This message has been forwarded.

Dear Officer:

I am writing to request your attention and an investigation into the business practices of Hawaii Electric Company, Inc. aka HEC. Since 2004, my monthly electric bill has doubled. In general, there has been hardly any change in the pattern of our usage in electricity. On July, the headline in the Honolulu Advertiser indicated that HEC is seeking your approval for another rate hike (it is less than a year since their last rate increase). Based on their stated criteria, it appears that they should be looking for is a capital funding for the proposed capital projects. The parent company should be selling more stocks instead of targeting the customers for HEC's insatiable appetite on spending and capital improvement projects. Many residents neither have inflation-adjusted earnings nor pay that is comparable with the cost of living here. Please examine the proposal with your highest scrutiny. Also, I am interested to know whether 1) all line items listed in the monthly electric bill are the same for all households in Honolulu regardless of the types of residential dwellings and 2) fully disclosed explanation can be provided for every line item HEC charges us. Please advise if the aforementioned is public information and where I could obtain it. I am sure members of the community would also be interested to have that information. Thank you very much for your attention.

Sincerely,

Marian Ray